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"THE DAMNED STUFF CALLED ALCOHOL."

I believe that alcohol, to a certain
degree, demoralizes those who make
it, those who sell it, and those who
drink it.

I believe from the time it issues
from the coiled and poisonous worm
of the distillery until it empties into
the hell of crime, death and dishonor,
it demoralizes everybody that touches
it.

I do not believe that anybody can
contemplate the subject without be-
coming prejudiced against this liquid
crime.

All you have to do is to think of the
deaths—of the suicides, of the insan-
ity, of the poverty, of the ignorance,
of the distress, of the little children
tugging at the faded dresses of weeping
and despairing wives, asking for
bread; of the men of genius it has
wrecked; of the millions who have
struggled with imaginary serpents
produced by this devilish thing.

And when you think of the jails,
of the almshouses, of the prisons, of
the scaffold upon either bank, I do
not wonder that every thoughtful man
is prejudiced against the damned stuff
called alcohol.

ROBERT G. INGERSOLL.

"Keep Church and State forever
separate."—GRANT.

"In no sense whatsoever is this gov-
ernment founded upon the Christian
religion."—WASHINGTON.

"The divorce between Church and
State should be absolute."—GARFIELD.

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BUDDHISM

INDICATING THAT 540 B. C., THIS
BEAUTIFUL OF ALL RE-
LIGIONS.

The Religion of the Japs, Had All
the Good and None of the
Bad of Christianity.

By Harriet M. Closs.

In view of the fact that Buddhism
is one of the accepted religions of
Japan let us make a short account of
its tenets and its great teacher. In
doing so we will find that there seems
to be little room for the Christian
missionaries who have caused so
much strife and who have so entirely
misrepresented the Pagan beliefs.

Gautama Buddha was born about
540 B. C. The same story of the in-
dication of birth by a star that is told
of Jesus, Yu, Aesculapius, Mohammed
and others, is told of the Buddhist
teacher. And as he was born under a
great satin tree while his mother was
making the journey to her father's
home stories of his voluntary incarna-
tion were rife, and the belief in the
pretty fiction that Nature kept a
shadow over his cradle while the
sages came to worship him, gained
credence. At the age of 19 Gautama
was married to a cousin, and for ten
years his life was spent in the family
circle. A son was born to him just as
he had begun to realize that life
meant more than living and he left
his wife and son to become a hope-
less wanderer, to practice self-denial
and to study. It seems to me that a
man might find many ways of prac-
ticing self-denial even in the home
and it might also be a good place to
study, but religion of any kind seems
to turn the head of its devotees.
However, this great man promised
himself to return to his family when
he had become a Buddha. A promise
which Jesus could not make as he
had no family of his own.

The word Buddha is a title and
means "The enlightened one." Just
as Christ means "The good man," and
any one by individual effort may be-
come a Buddha or a Christ. After
Buddha had overcome the evil pas-
sions and released himself as it were,
from the ties of material existence,
he became an itinerant preacher
which work he followed for about 45
years. His first sermon to his dis-
ciples is related by Bishop Bigandet
as the "sermon on the Mount." Dur-
ing his ministry the son of Gautama
became a disciple and the wife of his
youth became a nun.

The Buddhist sacred books are the
Tripitaka (baskets) containing disci-
plinary and metaphysical teachings as
well as the discourses of Buddha.
They are written in Sanskrit and con-
tain five times as much matter as the
Christian Bible.

The Buddhist doctrine teaches that
the greatest happiness comes from do-
ing good to others. This is entirely
different from Christian doctrine in
that we are taught to deport ourselves
that we may gain favor with God
hereafter. Buddhism teaches the un-
changeable law of cause and effect,
that as ye sow so shall ye also reap,
etc. The Christians have perverted
that precept and yet teach that
through miracles there may be con-
stant violation or suspension of nat-
ural law and its consequences.

The idea that priests possess mysti-
cal powers that are unattainable by
others is repugnant to Buddhism, for
we are told that the salvation of
every individual depends on the
growth of his own inner nature.

Buddha did not teach of a creator
but confined himself within the limits
of reason, and this fact doubtless is
the ground upon which Christianity
bases its claim that Pagan teaching
should be eradicated from the face of
the earth.

The foundation stones of Buddhism
are universal charity and the mastery
of self. And it teaches that the work
and experience and effort in this life
determine our degree of progress for
the next incarnation. That men do not
differ by accident of birth but by at-
tainments and character and that the
same road to perfection must be trav-
eled by all. This doctrine of equality
gives the Christian teaching of elec-
tion and predestination a serious set-
back in the estimation of unprejudiced
minds. Buddhism declares that the
soul that does right ascends to a
higher state until perfection—Nirvana

—is reached. Olcott describes Nir-
vana as "a condition of perfect rest,
of absence of desire and delusion and
sorrow." Before reaching Nirvana
man is constantly being re-born but
when Nirvana is reached he is born
no more.

Buddha is said to have been reincar-
nated many times before he reached
perfection.

The eight states by which the Budd-
hist reaches the perfect rest are:
Right views, right aims, right speech,
right conduct, right livelihood, right
effort, right mindfulness and right
rapture.

What system can offer a better code
of ethics than this? Certainly not
Christianity. Vicarious atonement has
no place here, but says Buddha: "By
one's self the evil is done, by one's
self one is purified." "Not even a God
can change into a defeat the victory of
a man who has conquered himself."
—Jammappada 105.

Still another quotation, "If a man
conquer in battle a thousand times
thousand men, and if another conquer
himself he is the greatest of con-
querors." "Rouse thyself, do not be
idle, follow the law of virtue."

James Freeman Clarke says: "Budd-
ha was a man of intense moral ear-
nestness, sincere, truthful and pro-
foundly humane."

This illustrious man had no
thought of founding a religious sys-
tem but after twenty-five centuries,
one-third of the people of the world
are his devout followers, and who re-
cize the practical utility of the doc-
trine as set forth by Spencer Hardy
in his manual on Buddhism. "There
are three sins of the body, murder,
theft, impurity. There are four sins
of speech, lying, slander, abuse, un-
profitable conversation. There are
three sins of the mind, covetousness,
malice, scepticism. There are also
five other evils to be avoided, the
drinking of intoxicating liquors, gam-
bling, idleness, improper associations
and frequenting places of amuse-
ment."

The so called sacred books of the
world, the Bible included, can offer no
better list of the things to be avoided
than the above and yet we send mis-
sionaries to Japan to convert the
Buddhists to Christianity.

A great monument covered with in-
scriptions of the life of Buddha is
erected in Peking and there are
temples innumerable all over China
and Japan, there being 170,000 shrines
in the flowery kingdom. In Kyoto
there is a temple which cost \$10,000,
and is a marvel of art.

Buddha died about 475 B. C. His
last words were, "Beloved what
causes life also causes decay and
death."

His body was cremated and the re-
lics are supposed to have been buried
near his native town at the foot of the
Himalayas in a mound some 20 feet
in height which was excavated in 1898
and from the ornaments, gems, en-
graved tokens and Buddhist cross
found in the receptacle within, it was
pronounced the tomb of Buddha.

For lack of time we are compelled,
reluctantly, to close this unsatisfac-
tory article on "the enlightened
one" who said, "Forever and every-
where will I strive for the universal
salvation of every creature throughout
the world."

I would suggest that the Blade read-
ers send in any precepts of Buddha
they may have. Let us preserve them
and use them alongside the Bible dog-
mas.

Webster City, Iowa.

It is to me somewhat interesting
and amusing to see what different
features of "Dog Fennel" attract those
who read it. I have a neighbor that
one would hardly suspect of being a
literary man. I met him yesterday
and he said he and his wife and son
had been reading Dog Fennel. He
said he would sit up at night reading
it, until his wife would ask him if he
was not coming to bed tonight.

He said he has a son who is a rail-
road engineer and that he had never
seen any man laugh as his son did
when he came to that story about the
Jew who crossed his bees on light-
ning bugs so as to make them work
all night.

The story is exactly what I heard
the man say at the breakfast table in
the Cassa Nova in Jerusalem, sug-
gested by our eating the milk and
money with which Judea used to
"flow" according to the Bible and the
hymn book.

CHURCH FIGHT IS WARM

CLERGYMEN ARRESTED FOR DE-
FACING PLACE OF WORSHIP.

Elders and Members of Christian
Church at Huntsville, Ala. Indulge
in Riot on Sunday—Two Fac-
tions in Church.

Huntsville, Ala., April 11.—The fa-
mous factional fight in the Christian
church of this city, came out afresh
again to-day.

As a result two elders and three
members of the church were placed
under arrest for wilfully defacing and
injuring the church building.

Only one faction has worshipped in
the church for several months past
and yesterday the other faction posted
a notice on the doors warning every-
one away, charging that the present
trustees were illegally elected.

The trustees swore out warrants
for the arrest of Rev. E. L. Cambron
and Rev. Daniel Sommers of Indiana,
Robins Jones, C. W. Moseley and W.
R. Manning.

Sheriff Rogers served the papers
yesterday afternoon and all parties
were placed under bond.

PRESIDENT AYERS

DENOUNCES ACTION OF TRUS-
TEES OF CINCINNATI UNIVER-
SITY TO THEIR FACES IN
A BITTER SPEECH.

Cincinnati, April 20.—"I want to
denounce this action as an outrage.
Everyone of you men know in your
heart that it is an outrage.
"It is an action that will hurt the
University. It is one you will regret.
"Anything has gone wrong at the
University the last year for which I
am to blame I would like to know it
this action, I repeat, is an outrage."

President Howard Ayres, of the
University of Cincinnati, rising to his
feet, white with anger, thundered the
above sentence at the members of
the Board of University Directors at
the regular monthly meeting, and then
left the room.

None of the members attempted to
reply, and each one individually later
declined to discuss the resolution or
the matter in any form.

Director John G. O'Connell intro-
duced the resolution, which read:

"Roosevelt, that Dr. Howard Ayres
is from this day relieved from all du-
ties as President of the University,
his salary to continue to July 1, 1904,
that Dean Henry be placed in charge
of the University, with all powers
of the Presidency, and to continue in
charge until July 1, 1904 and that the
clerk of this board be instructed to
notify Dr. Ayres and the deans of the
respective faculties of the passage of
this resolution."

Director Kuhn asked the meaning of
the resolution, saying it contemplated
a most unusual proceeding. He had
yet to learn, Mr. Kuhn said, of any-
thing wrong which President Ayres
had done, and he objected to a vote on
the resolution without discussion.

"It is unfair," Mr. Kuhn said, "to
cast a stigma of this kind upon the
last days of one who has served the
University for a number of years. It
is a disgrace. Not one word has been
said in favor of this resolution. I
ask that it be considered in executive
session."

President Ayres said:
"I would like to know the occasion
for this resolution, for I am ignorant
of giving any cause for it."

Chairman Jones, of the board, asked
Mr. Kinkadee to take the chair. He
then spoke in favor of postponing
action on the resolution. He would,
Chairman Jones said, like to know
more about it before voting.

Mr. O'Connell said the resolution
was introduced, as those acquainted
with University affairs would know,
for the best interests of the Univer-
sity, but he declined to go into details
regarding it, of the cause of its intro-
duction. He opposed going into execu-
tive session and asked that a vote be
taken.

The motion to be an executive ses-
sion to consider the resolution was
lost, Messrs. Brown, Kuhn, Randoff,
and Jones voting aye, and Messrs
Benedict, Curtis, Kinkadee, O'Connell
and Trost voting no.

The resolution was then adopted
Mr. Kuhn alone voting no, and Chair-
man Jones declining to vote.

Comment—Dr. Ayres was discharg-
ed from his presidency because he is
an infidel and my nephew, Dr. C. W.
Dabney elected in the place. It is
evident that the University board is
not willing to give the reason for
which they dismissed Dr. Ayres.
It is certainly an "outrage" and Dr.
Ayres ought to bring suit against the
board for slander and libel.

THE REPLY WAS "HANG"

ALL JAPS LOOK ALIKE TO THE ST.
PETERSBURG AUTHORITIES.

Paris April 20.—The St. Petersburg
correspondent of the Petit Parisien
says that when it was asserted that
one of the two Japanese caught in an
attempt to blow up the railroad near
the Mongolian frontier was a member
of the imperial family, instructions
were asked from St. Petersburg. The
reply, according to the correspondent,
was "hang" and the order was prompt-
ly carried out.

Comment—Then when the Russian
admiral was drowned, by an explosion
on his ship, the Japs expressed sym-
pathy for Russia.

KENTUCKIAN

Gets a Sentence For Grand Larceny
in Brooklyn.

Brooklyn, N. Y., April 19.—Judge
Crane dealt leniently with Hugh Mul-
holland, formerly postmaster at Padu-
cah, Ky., and later an evangelist and
street preacher.

Mulholland is middle-aged man,
and was indicted last week, with Jos.
W. Hyland, for stealing \$1,000 worth
of stamps. He pleaded guilty to grand
larceny. Judge Crane said:
"I have investigated your case, and
I feel that your sole trouble is drink.
You will go to jail for twenty-nine
days."

Hyland stole the stamps and paid
Mulholland \$25 to dispose of them,
which money he spent in drinks, and
was an inmate of the alcoholic ward
at Bellevue Hospital in consequence.

(Pink Iconoclast.)

DOG FENNEL

You should read it. Dog Fennel is
a very interesting book, by Charles C.
Moore, and gives a history of the say-
ings and doings of people in the Ori-
ent. Mr. Moore traveled over the
country supposed to be told about in
the bible, and to appreciate the trip
you should read his book. Every be-
liever of a religious creed should read
it. Every person who believes in a
holy land should read it, and in fact,
every person that can read should
pursue the pages of "Dog Fennel."

The price of the book is one dollar
and if you are not well pleased with
your investment, I will take the book
off your hands.

Get it, read it, and then lend it to
your neighbor.

Address Charles C. Moore, Lexing-
ton, Ky., with one dollar, and get
your money's worth.

(Pink Iconoclast.)

Preachers have more gall than any
other persons living unless it is medi-
cal doctors. The latest display of
the enlargement of that function
comes from Missouri, where one Rev.
Doctor Jesse coughed up the follow-
ing stuff from his gal sack and air
chambers. He said that James Bu-
chanan was in the orthodox hell, or
words to that effect, but he never
told how he found out about it. He
said that Washington, Jefferson, Lin-
coln and Harrison were in heaven
playing harps with golden strings
which numbered up in the thousands.
That is his words implied the fact.
He just the same as said Cleveland
and Roosevelt were due in heaven
when they croaked, and of course
preachers never lie, so look out for
a hell of a mix-up in that place, if
you should reach it.

Birmingham, Ala.—The Mormon ex-
horter is abroad in this city. I went
by there the other night to hear them
spout. They were four of them young
and respectable looking and attracted
quite a crowd. I enclose you one of
the tracts they were distributing. I
hope this will find you and yours
well—L. B. SHOENFELD.

WITH A TOWEL

NEW JERSEY PREACHER AT-
TEMPTED TO SMOTHER SICK
WIFE

Warrant Sworn Out For His Arrest
Leads to Discovery That He Has
Skipped With \$20,000 Worth of
Securities—The Police
After Him

New York, April 21.—A sensation
has been created in church circles at
Elizabeth, N. J., by application from
the wife of Rev. Dr. George Buckle
for the warrant Mrs. Buckle says her
husband attempted to kill her as she
lay in bed ill.

Dr. Buckle has been pastor of the
Greystone Presbyterian Church more
than twenty years. Among the wor-
shippers there are numbered many
leading citizens of Elizabeth. A few
hours before application was made
for the warrant Mrs. Buckle says her
husband returned to the parsonage
and begged forgiveness. After talk-
ing for a while, she says, he entered
his study, opened a strong box, and,
taking securities valued at \$20,000,
disappeared. The police of New York,
Washington, Richmond, Va., and other
nearby places have been notified.

According to Mrs. Buckle's story,
he minister came to her bedside just
after having performed the wedding
ceremony of their daughter in the
parlor below. The bride couple had
started on a tour to San Francisco
and every one was happy. Asked now
she felt, Mrs. Buckle told her husband
she was suffering from severe head-
ache. He offered to procure a wet
towel and returned a moment later
with one soaked in warm water. She
objected because it was not cold, but
he reassured her and then, she al-
leges placed it so as to cover her
mouth and nose. She declares the
minister held it in the position, say-
ing she would soon feel better, and
that when she began to smother he
held her down. After a terrific strug-
gle she wrenched one hand free and
alarmed the household. Neighbors
were called and found Mrs. Buckle un-
conscious. The minister declared his
wife had fallen out of bed in a night-
mare, but she convinced them by
showing bruises on the neck and
arms. The minister remained for two
days and then disappeared.

(Courier Journal.)

JOINT COMMUNION SERVICES
Held by Northern and Southern
Presbyteries.

A junior meeting and communion
service of the Northern and Southern
Presbyterian churches was held last
night in the James Lees Memorial
church, and the meeting proved one
of the most successful in the history
of the Presbyterian churches in the
city.

After the communion an elabo-
rate luncheon was served by the
women of the church, and the Rev.
Neander M. Woods acted as toastmas-
ter. It was announced that the com-
missioners of the General Assembly,
which will meet in Mobile in the near
future, will be elected this morning.

Special Excursions to St. Louis.

The C. H. & D. Ry., will run spe-
cial excursions to the World's Fair
each Tuesday and Thursday from
May 17th, 1904 to June 30th, 1904.
The excursionists will find this line
most convenient in view of the fact
that the C. H. & D. enters St. Louis
over the Wabash tracks, thus gaining
the advantage of the Wabash station
right at the main entrance to the
grounds in addition to the regular Un-
ion station terminal. The Wabash is
the only line having a station at the
grounds.

To all who desire to avail them-
selves of the ample accommodations
of the many large hotels convenient to
the main entrance, the arrangement
by which the C. H. & D. can check
baggage direct to the station will be
very convenient, avoiding possible de-
lay and inconvenience of a long trans-
fer through the city, advantages of-
fered by no other line from this ter-
ritory.